



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING  
4:05 P.M. – 5:50 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007  
PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Bill Ardern, Ashley Applebee, Robert Breault, Rabbi Samuel Cohon, Mark DeWeerd, Katie Dreeland, Betty Elasowich, Richard Elias, Tom Ellis, Margie Hildebrand, Maria Hooker, Cathy Hunt, Diana Jimenez-Young, Xavier Manrique, Jo Riester, Sr. Rosa Maria Ruiz, Jay St. John, Molly Tylutki, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf.

**NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fran Embrey Senechal, Edward Nossem, Kent Paul Barrabee, Josh Enos, Alexis Enos, Rudy McCormick, Sharon Rikli, Nancy Singer, Gerald Petersen, Marilyn Sando, Sylvia Lee, Juan Soto, Karen Lieneke, Shirley Jennings, Lalia Sarah, Guadalupe Caballero, Mary Jondrow, Tamara Smith.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER –DR. JAY ST. JOHN**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jay St. John at 4:05 p.m.

**2.0 FINANCIAL REPORT – XAVIER MANRIQUE**  
**Ending March 31, 2007:**

**ASSETS:**

Total Current Assets:	147,533.66
Total Fixed Assets:	<u>200.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	147,733.76

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Total Current Liabilities:	15,054.52
Total Equity:	<u>132,679.24</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	147,533.66

Motion to approve Financial Report for March 2007: Bill Ardern  
Second: Bob Breault  
The motion carried unanimously.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES – DR. JAY ST. JOHN

Motion to Approve the March 21, 2007 MEC Meeting Minutes:

Jo Riester

Second: Pat Wiedhopf

The motion carried unanimously.

### 4.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE – BILL ARDERN

Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, and Raul Nido have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee to nominate MEC officers for the 2007-08 year. The 2007-08 Slate is:

Chair, Dr. Louis Albert

Vice-Chair/Issues Committee Chair: George Favela

Treasurer, Xavier Manrique

Secretary, Pat Wiedhopf

Immediate Past Chair, Dr. Jay St. John.

A vote will be taken at the next MEC meeting.

### 5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 5.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking appropriately for the year so far.

#### 5.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon –Crystal Apple Chair Margie Hildebrand

We have 42 table commitments so far. Commissioners are asked once again to procure table sponsorships. Inside Tucson Business is printing the CAA program again this year. The 2007 Crystal Apple Awardees are:

Lifetime Achievement: Governor Janet Napolitano

Teacher Award: Kristin Bourguet

Corporate Award: BHP Copper, Inc.

Small Business Award: Javalina's Coffee & Friends

Youth Award: Chantal Tellez Koestel

Special Award: Dr. Henry "Hank" Oyama

Special Award: Charles Oldham

#### 5.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

We have one Resignation, Nancy Young Wright, representing the Arizona School Boards Association. She will be replaced by Dr. Kent Paul Barrabee, who will be appointed in June 2007. Dr. Barabee attended the meeting, and gave a short introduction of himself to the Commissioners.

5.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The YAC/TTC members are on task with various projects.

On March 1, 2007, YAC/TTC members attended the No Child Left Behind Forum on April 14<sup>th</sup>, with Congressman Raul Grijalva. The Forum allowed the 300 attendees, representing community members, educators, and youth to voice their opinions about the law and upcoming revisions. Dr. June ebb-Vignery was a Panelist, along with a Ashley Applebee from the YAC/TTC. Congressman Grijalva suggested that the law be “scrapped or changed”. and took notes at the Forum. Concerns about funding were expressed, as well as the fact that grading on content alone excludes critical thinkers. The military service clause in NCLB was also a concern., as was English language learners and the testing process.

The Transition Fair is scheduled for April 25, 2007, at the Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind.

The Teen Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007, at the Catalina Magnet High School Cafeteria. They will provide 400 chairs. Flyers for the event have been produced and are being distributed. The Tucson Citizen has produced a letter for the event which is also being distributed.

The Outstanding Teen Citizens (11 this year) were presented to Mayor & Council on April 17.

5.5 Issues – Dr. Jay St. John, for Dr. Louis Albert

The MEC voted on supporting the Real Life, Real Talk program, as presented to the Commission at the March 21, 2007 meeting.

Motion to approve: Bob Breault

Second: Pat Wiedhopf

The motion carried on a vote of 15 yes to 4 no.

6.0 TOWN HALL: COLLEGE ACCESS SERVICE PROVIDERS

A transcript of the Town Hall is available from the MEC office.

7.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Xavier Manrique

Second: Tom Ellis

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.